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MEDICARE'S 2012 ANNUAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD ENDS DECEMBER 7

BOISE ID (November 28, 2011) – The Senior Health Insurance Benefits Advisors (SHIBA) office of the Idaho Department of Insurance reminds consumers that December 7 is the last day for Medicare open enrollment.

"Senior citizens have a small window of opportunity left to review their plans," says Department Director Bill Deal. "Any changes to existing plans need to be made by next Wednesday."

Idahoans who have questions about open enrollment are encouraged to call SHIBA at 800-247-4422, or Medicare at 800-633-4227. Due to the expected high call volume, people who choose to call Medicare may have the best results by calling in the evening or on weekends.

About the Department of Insurance

The Idaho Department of Insurance has been regulating the business of insurance in Idaho since 1901. The mission of the Department is to equitably, effectively and efficiently administer the Idaho Insurance Code and the International Fire Code. For more information, visit www.doi.idaho.gov.

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